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REMARKS

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1. On 7 October 1953, the military hospital in Neuruppin was not fully occupied by a division headquarters.
2. On 6 October, the Fridericus Kaserne was occupied by only about 800 to 1,000 soldiers. Most of the troops had been at maneuvers since 1 October. There was no training activity in the barracks area. The rear details did fatigue duty. 50X1-HUM
3. On 8 October, the See Kaserne was occupied to capacity. [redacted] NO [redacted] for elements of the unit were away from the installation. [redacted] Soldiers [redacted] under Lieutenant Colonel Brantsevich (fnu) practiced aiming on 1 JS-1 tank or JS-2 tank and on 1 T-34/85 tank. At about 8 a.m. on 5 to 10 October, 4 T-34/85 tanks almost daily left the installation in the direction of Kraenzlin and returned in the evening. On 8 October, [redacted] the supply officer [redacted] Lieutenant Colonel Stetsenko (fnu) had returned from leave in the USSR in early October and that, effective 1 October, German personnel could again be employed by the Soviet Army. Unit [redacted] was looking for a German stoker and a German locksmith. About 70 recruits daily drilled in the barracks yard during the period under review. 50X1-HUM
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4. On 8 October, [redacted] the bulk of troops stationed at Friedrich Franz Kaserne also were at maneuvers. They had allegedly left on about 1 October. A resident stated that they practiced in the Storbeck-Rheinsberg-Zechliner Huette-Berlinchen-Wittstock-Pritzwalk area.¹ From 1 to 5 October, 6 trains carrying tanks, guns, SP guns, mortars and AA guns allegedly left Neuruppin toward Loewenberg.² 50X1-HUM
5. During the period under review, [redacted] driving school courses conducted under the command of Major Kondokov (fnu) were continuously held at the former girls school. [redacted] each of the courses would last about three weeks.
6. On 9 October, the See Kaserne was occupied by between 1,000 and 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulettes including some with tank insignia. At about 2 p.m. on 8 October, JS-3 tank [redacted] and JS-2 tank [redacted] entered the installation, coming from the Katerbow-Storbeck training grounds via Daritz(sic)-Kraenzlin. At 7 a.m. on 9 October, T-34/85 tanks [redacted] left the installation toward Storbeck-Wittstock via Kraenzlin-Daritz(sic). 50X1-HUM

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7. On 9 October, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 1,000 to 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 8 October, 3 x 132-mm rocket launchers followed by truck [redacted] which carried 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia entered the installation from the direction of the troop training grounds. Motor vehicles [redacted] entered and [redacted] left the installation. 1 [redacted] 50X1-HUM
8. At 3 p.m. on 28 September, trucks [redacted] carrying personnel were seen in Neuruppin, proceeding toward Gentsrode. 1 (F-3) A column consisting of 11 trucks towing 37-mm AA guns, 2 trucks towing 120-mm mortars, 4 trucks towing howitzers, 42 armored personnel carriers, 184 trucks [redacted] carrying personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 6 ambulances, 8 field kitchens, 8 BA-64 armored scout cars, 50X1-HUM motorcycles, and 8 jeeps occupied by officers proceeded toward Altruppin, at about 4 p.m. on 30 September. A column of 10 trucks towing 76-mm guns and about 35 unnumbered trucks was seen in Altruppin at about 4:45 p.m. on 30 September and 30 trucks, 8 tank trucks and 5 armored personnel carriers at about 4:50 p.m., proceeding toward Wulkow. Columns proceeding on Wittstocker Allee toward Neuruppin included 8 trucks towing medium AA guns, 30 trucks carrying personnel, 1 ambulance, and 1 field kitchen at 5:40 p.m.; 17 trucks with personnel, 4 field kitchens, 1 ambulance, 1 BA-64 armored scout car with covered numbers at 6:10 p.m.; 2 BA-64 armored scout cars, 15 trucks carrying personnel, 6 armored personnel carriers, 6 tank trucks, and 2 field kitchens at 6:25 p.m.; 25 trucks, [redacted] 1 field kitchen, 12 x 76-mm AA guns, 6 armored personnel carriers, 4 trucks with heavy machine guns, sedan [redacted] occupied by officers at 8:10 p.m.; 2 jeeps carrying radio equipment, 70 trucks [redacted] carrying personnel, 9 armored personnel carriers [redacted] 10 BA-64 armored scout cars, 7 trucks towing 37-mm AA guns, 6 field kitchens, and 5 tank trucks at 8:40 p.m.; and 15 trucks carrying engineer equipment at 6 a.m. on 1 October. At 7:15 a.m. on 1 October, a column of 12 trucks [redacted] 50X1-HUM towing 76-mm guns, 30 trucks, 2 BA-64 armored scout cars and 5 armored personnel carriers was seen at the Altruppin railroad station and another column of 30 trucks carrying personnel wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and equipped with camouflage nets and radio equipment at about 2 p.m. At about 8 a.m. on 2 October, a column consisting of 6 trucks towing howitzers, 4 x 132-mm rocket launchers and 36 trucks carrying personnel proceeded on Wittstocker Allee toward Neuruppin. A train carrying about 24 T-34 tanks was seen in Neuruppin proceeding toward Fehrbellin at about 5 p.m. on 30 September. About 50 trucks, 8 medium AA guns and 5 BA-64 armored scout cars were loaded at the Neuruppin railroad station at about 5:10 p.m. on 30 September. A train carrying 15 JS tanks [redacted] and 1 JS tank without turret and including 5 boxcars was seen in Neuruppin proceeding toward Fehrbellin at about 8:30 p.m. on 30 September. Shipments [redacted] 50X1-HUM on 1 October included 25 trucks, 1 field kitchen and 7 x 76-mm guns at the Altruppin railroad station at 8 a.m.; 7 armored personnel carriers and about 22 trucks towing 2 x 57-mm AT guns in front of the Neuruppin railroad station at about 50X1-HUM a.m.; 3 armored personnel carriers, including Nos 24 and 26, 1 motorcycle and 1 truck at the Neuruppin railroad station at about 3 p.m.; 20 JS-3 tanks [redacted] seen in Neuruppin proceeding toward Fehrbellin at 8:30 p.m.; and 7 trucks, 1 BA-64 armored scout car and an undetermined number of armored personnel carriers [redacted] at the Neuruppin railroad station at 4 p.m. At 4:45 p.m. on 2 October, 6 x 37-mm AA guns, 2 armored personnel carriers, 1 BA-64 armored scout car and 14 trucks [redacted] proceeded toward Fehrbellin. A column of 15 trucks, [redacted] and 3 field kitchens were seen in Zechlin, proceeding toward Rheinsberg on 30 September. 2 On 6 October, the barracks installations in Neuruppin were occupied to capacity. JS-2 tanks [redacted] T-34 tanks [redacted] and SU-122 gun [redacted] left the See Kaserne. 1 [redacted]

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